


Patent No. 5,515,909 issued to Tanaka. The Examiner has also rejected claims 14-20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No.'s 6,257,317 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,983,986 issued to MacIntyre, et al. Finally, the Examiner has rejected claims 21-23 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No.'s 6,289,974 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,983,986.

All of the above rejections are based on U.S. Patent No.'s 6,257,317 and 6,289,974. Both of these patents are commonly owned along with the present application. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer to U.S. Patent No.'s 6,257,317 and 6,289,974 in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321 (b) and (c). Applicants respectfully request, therefore, that the rejections to claims 8-23 be withdrawn.

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